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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The present application is derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2004/002992, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued during the international stage of the International Application:

U.S. Patent

1,327,385 (Hammer) - Issued: January 6, 1920

Foreign Documents

DE 29 22 656 (Stettner & Co.; Messerschmidt,
Wilfried) - Published: December 4, 1980

EP 0 281 714 (Hamazaki Hosono YK) -
- Published: September 14, 1988

FR 2,159,828 (ETS Borel) -
- Published: June 22, 1973

GB 1,429,310 (Park Green & Co. Ltd.) -
- Published: March 24, 1976

Copies of the above-listed documents should already have been received by the U.S. Patent Office, and the foregoing documents have been listed on the PTO-1449 forms (2) which have been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement to facilitate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the above-listed documents.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier search which was performed relative to French Patent Application No. 04/00612, the priority of which is claimed in connection with the present application. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 646640, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The documents cited in the French Search Report

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The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/001896, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/565,457. The Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001896, and the Search Reports (No. FA 636694 and No. FA 646379) issued for French Patent Applications No. 03/08962 and No. 04/02299, the priorities of which are claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001896, each cite the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication

US 2002/145065 A1 (McCowin) - Published: October 10, 2002

Foreign Documents

CH 351,726 (Ortex S.A.) - Published: January 31, 1961

DE 36 32 688 (Messerschmidt) -

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The following document is additionally cited in Search Report No. FA 646379:

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DE 85 31 554 (Thoma) - Published: December 19, 1985

French Patent Application No. 03/08962 was published under the No. 2,857,841, and French Patent Application No. 04/02299 was published under the No. 2,857,842. Both were published on January 28, 2005. Copies of FR 2,857,841 and FR 2,857,842 are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2003/003328, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/544,825. The Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2003/003328, and a Search Report (No. FA 630757) issued for French Patent Application No. 03/03215, the priority of which is claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2003/003328, cite the same documents, including:

U.S. Patents

5,651,506 (Hockey) - Issued: July 29, 1997

4,685,627 (Lee) - Issued: August 11, 1987

Foreign Documents

BE 469 899 (DeCobecq) - Published: June 14, 1947

DE 200 00 353 (Pai) - Published: May 11, 2000

WO 00/28870 (Menelaou) - Published: May 25, 2000

An Office Action has issued in connection with U.S. Patent Application No. 10/544,825. The following documents are cited in the Office Action by the U.S. Patent Office:

U.S. Patents

5,785,264 (Yang) - Issued: July 28, 1998

4,993,584 (Macario) - Issued: February 19, 1991

French Patent Application No. 03/03215 was published under the No. 2,852,505 on September 24, 2004. A copy of FR 2,852,505 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the above-listed Search Reports and "Foreign Documents" have been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in this matter. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language documents is available with reference to the Search Report which cites the non-English language document. As is further noted on the summary page attached to each non-English language document, an English language abstract is only available for DE 36 32 688.

Copies of the U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the waiver of such requirements for International Applications which entered their U.S. national stage after June 30, 2003 (OG Notices; 05 August 2003).

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 forms (2) which are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which list the foregoing documents and by providing applicant with initialed copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 forms to confirm consideration of the listed documents.


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